GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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DISEASES OF TEETH
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the diseases of teeth among the children and youths are taking the form of epidemics;

(b) if so, the corrective steps being taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether All India Institute of Medical Sciences and Indian Dental Association have given suggestion to include Dental Disease Programme in National Eradication Programme; and

(d) if so, the decision of the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) No, Sir. However, according to available information, the dental diseases among the children and youth are on the rise in the country.

(b) to (d) A National Oral Health Care Programme has already been launched as a part of the National Health Policy.In order to sensitize the Dental professionals about the need to prevent dental diseases in the country, various workshops have been held in the first phase and in the second phase, the training of dental surgeons and health workers has been planned in the second phase.